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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

With respect to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance in the Notice of Allowance dated June 12, 2007, Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner to any extent that such statement characterizes the invention in a manner at variance with the actual wording of the claims.

As set forth in the Notice of Allowance, these comments are being filed along with payment of the Issue Fee.

Respectfully submitted,

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REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION OF REFERENCE CITED

Applicant requests consideration of the Microfilm of the specification and drawings annexed to the request of Japanese Utility Model Application No. 37230/1988 cited in the Information Disclosure Statement Form PTO/SB/08a filed October 17, 2005. An indication of such consideration by returning a copy of Form PTO/SB/08a, initialed by the Examiner, to Applicant's undersigned representative is requested. Applicant notes that the Microfilm document was listed on the International Search Report filed concurrently with Form PTO/SB/08a, therefore, no copy of the document was required. For the Examiner's convenience, however, we enclose a copy of the Microfilm reference.

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Form PTO/SB/08a

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